

AMENDMENT TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace the first paragraph of the specification at page 1, line 1, as appearing in the November 9, 2004 Supplemental Amendment, with the following paragraph:

This application is a ~~Divisional~~ continuation of ~~co-pending~~ Application No. 09/594,025, filed on June 15, 2000, now U.S. Patent 6,645,931 and for which priority is claimed under 35 U.S.C. § 120; and this application claims priority of Application No. 11-168459 filed in Japan on June 15, 1999 under 35 U.S.C. § 119.